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Mr. Garrison

Dear Friend, I called to see you the other day, to get your advice in regard to the manner of presenting my brother's picture "Waiting for the Hour" to Pres. Lincoln. As I failed to find you and feel anxious to have the affair concluded, I take the liberty of writing you in regard to it.

From the first I preferred a private presentation as did my brother, also - but supposed it due the subscribers, ^{them} that should be a public presentation, or rather, a presentation by some special person of which public notice could be taken. I wrote to a friend in

in Washington in regard to it and suggested the propriety of Rev. John Pierpont presenting it; I got answer that Mr. Pierpont had left Washing--ton for the Summer and that it was a matter of doubt if he ever returned as his health was very feeble.

My friend strongly advised a presentation by letter, sending the picture by Express to the Pres. - at the same time mailing the letter with a list of the Subscribers names; a copy of the letter could be preserved retained and afterward published with the Pres. reply in some newspaper. This seems to me the best possible plan and I think I shall adopt it unless you can tell me of a better one.

Will you dear Sir, write the letter? Seems to me you are the man of all others in the whole I

would I who should do so! I think there
is a poetical justice & propriety in
the pioneer of Emancipation, present-
ing to the proclaimer of Emancipation
this testimony ~~of the~~ from some of the
men & women of Boston, of their
regard for his Immortal Act.

I know how fully your time
is occupied and how often you are over-
worked and perhaps I ought not to
ask this great favor of you, yet I
pray you to grant it, for I am anx-
ious to have this affair off my hands
and the picture safe under the
eye of Abraham Lincoln, where I hope
it may do a good work and I believe
it will, or I would not have put my
hand to it notwithstanding my wish to
help my brothers fame. The subscrip-
tion list has only reached ^{my} 500. and I have
but little hope of much increasing it;
I was too ill last week, to attend to it at all

and shall not probably be ready to send it, until the last of this week.

I hope to be well enough to come into Boston Wednesday or Thursday and will call and see you, but if you cannot write the letter will you be good enough to write me a line and suggest some other person or such other advise as may seem to you needful?

I am with profound respect and esteem very truly

Your friend Harriette M. Carlton

The above refers to a painting entitled "Waiting for the Hour" (of emancipation, Dec. 31, 1862), painted to Miss C.'s brother & presented to Mr. Lincoln.

See Life of W.L.G., 40: 131, 132.